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Request for Public Comment
USDA-Forest Service
Flathead National Forest
Tally Lake Ranger District
Flathead County, Montana

The Environmental Assessment for the Taylor Hellroaring Project has been completed and is available for public review and comment. The Responsible Official for this project is Forest Supervisor, Chip Weber. The document is available online at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50518> or contact Deb Bond, Project Team Leader, (406) 758-5318 or dbond01@fs.fed.us for a hard copy of the EA or additional information about the project. The project area is located northwest of Whitefish. The project addresses multiple resource objectives including: Increasing forest resilience to insect infestation and disease infection; reducing the risk and severity of large scale stand-replacing fires to protect values at risk within the Wildland Urban Interface, Whitefish Mountain Resort (WMR) and electronic sites along the Whitefish Divide; restoring rust-resistant whitebark and western white pine; providing a range of trail experiences for hikers, mountain bikers and horse riders to connect the local community with the Flathead National Forest and; maintaining and improving terrestrial wildlife species habitat and security.

The EA documents the environmental effects of three alternatives, including the no action alternative, which describes the existing condition of the project area and serves as a comparison for the analysis of effects of the action alternatives. The action alternatives evaluate the potential effects of tree harvest, fuel treatments, burning, road building and varying degrees of proposed trail construction.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 218.25, comments on this proposed project will be accepted for 30 days beginning on the first day after the date of publication of this legal notice in the Daily Inter Lake newspaper. If the comment period ends on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, comments will be accepted until the end of the next Federal working day. Only individuals or entities (as defined by 36 CFR 218.2) who submit timely and specific written comments (as defined by 36 CFR 218.2) about this proposed project or activity during this or another public comment period established by the responsible official will be eligible to file an objection. Other eligibility requirements are defined by 36 CFR 218.25 (a)(3) and include name, postal address, title of the project and signature or other verification of identity upon request and the identity of the individual or entity who authored the comments. Individual members of an entity must submit their own individual comments in order to have eligibility to object as an individual. A timely submission will be determined as outlined in 36 CFR 218.25 (a)(4). It is the responsibility of the sender to ensure timely receipt of any comments submitted.

Comments should be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and must include supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider (36 CFR 218.2). Please address comments to Tally Lake Ranger Station, 650 Wolfpack Way, Kalispell, MT 59901. To submit comments electronically, please send to comments-northern-flathead-tally-lake@fs.fed.us with "Taylor Hellroaring" in the subject line. Acceptable formats include MS Word, Word Perfect, RTF, or PDF. Oral comments can be provided at the Tally Lake Ranger Station during normal business hours via telephone or in person. Normal business hours are 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday, excluding holidays. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names, addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers of those commenting, will be considered part of the public record and will be available for public inspection.

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